

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

Kazuhiko AKASAKA, et al.

Serial No.: To be assigned

Group Art Unit: Unassigned

Filed: January 18, 2001

Examiner: Unassigned

For: NETWORK SYSTEM, CLIENT, SERVER, AND RECORDING MEDIUM

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Before examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please AMEND the claims as follows:

Claim 8,

line 1, delete "or 7".

**REMARKS**

This Preliminary Amendment is submitted to improve the form of the specification as originally-filed, and to eliminate a multiply dependent claim.

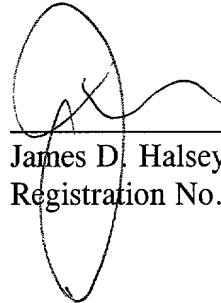
It is respectfully requested that this Preliminary Amendment be entered in the above-referenced application.

If any further fees are required in connection with the filing of this Preliminary Amendment, please charge same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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